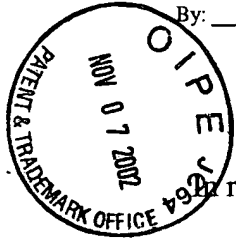


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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement and Request for Election dated October 2, 2002, setting a one (1) month term for response. Prior to examination of the application, please amend the specification of the above-identified application as listed below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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This application is a divisional application of U.S. application Serial Number 09/360,125, filed July 23, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,235,715, which is a divisional application of U.S. application Serial Number 09/004,502, filed January 8, 1998, now U.S. Patent 5,962,263, the contents all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.